[Translation]

Recommendations of UPSC

1727. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been delay on the part of certain Ministries/Departments in implementation of the recommendations of the Union Public Service Commission in the case of appointing the candidates selected by the Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has given certain suggestions to the Government in the regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the Government likely to take action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Union Public Service Commission have reported in their Annual Reports that in a number of cases, offer of appointment to the candidates recommended by UPSC has been delayed by more than six months.

(b) A statement is annexed.

(c) to (e). The Commission have given certain suggestions in the context of delay in issue of offer of appointment caused by belated receipt of police verification reports. The Government have already accepted some of the suggestions given by the Commission. It will be observed from the enclosed statement that the number of cases of delay in issue of offer of appointment to candidates recommend by the Commission have come down from 2303 in 1992-93 to 1202 in 1994-95.

STATEMENT

Cases of Recruitment through UPSC Where offers of Appointment Were Delayed

Year	By Interview	By Examination	Total
1992-93	1051	1252	2303
1993-94	803	1250	2053
1994-95	455	752	1202

(Information based on UPSC's Annual Reports)

[English]

Seismic Observatory in Antarctica

1728. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a Seismic Observatory in Antarctica near the permanent station, Maitri, in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any geo-physical survey over the ice has been conducted by any Indian Expedition to study the magnetic characteristics of the bed-rock beneath the ice-cover; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Studies on seismic activities from Antarctica will be undertaken for the first time from the Indian station by the scientists from the CSIR Laboratory, namely, the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad. In the 16th Expedition a scientist from NGRI will identify a suitable location in the Schirmacher Oasis region of Antarctica where this observatory can be commissioned. Subsequently, it is proposed to set up a digital broad band seismograph as a part of the Seismic observatory with the following scientific objectives :

(i) To monitor and study the frequency and strength of seismic activity in Antarctica.

(ii) To record seismic shocks originating over the Indian Ocean Sector of the Southern Oceans.

(iii) As a part of world wide seismic network, it is envisaged that the data generated from this Observatory will help to delineate the deep geological structure of Antarctic and also the gross seismic features of the earth as a whole.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The geophysical exploration of the shelf ice region and the area between Schirmacher and Wolthat mountains was carried out using magnetic & gravity measurements. This includes helicopter borne magnetic survey in an area meausring 100 X 100 km lying between Schirmacher Oasis and Wolthat mountains. This has yielded a 2-D spectral image of the gross sub-topographic features of the area. The basement depth

is very shallow showing a number of geological faults. The glacial thickness is slightly more than 1 km and the crustal boundary is estimated to be of the range between 32 to 38 kms.

Shifting of Headquarters of PSUs

1729. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had formulated any scheme for shifting headquarters of Public Sector Undertakings to places outside NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome of the plan; and

(c) the name of PSUs which still have their headquarters in the NCT of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. 24 Public Sector Undertakings were identified for being shifted out of Delhi as a part of measures for decongesting Delhi. Out of these 24 Undertakings, 4 units have already shifted out of Delhi. A list of 24 units identified for shifting is given in the Statement-I attached. The list of Public Sector Undetakings which have already shifted out of Delhi is given in Statement-II attached.

STATEMENT-I

List of Public Sector undertakings to be shifted out of Delhi

S.No.	Name of the Public Sector Undertaking	Status of office to be
1.	National Seeds Corporation Ltd.	Headquarters
2.	State Farms Corporation of India Ltd.	-do-
3.	Central Warehousing Corpn.	Regional office and Construction Cell
4.	Food Corporation of India.	Central training institute and zonal office (North)
5.	Hospital Services Consultancy Corpn. of India Ltd.	Headquarters
6.	Helicopter Corporation of India.	-do-
7.	Airlines Allied Services Ltd.	-do-
8.	India Roads Construction Corpn.	-do-
9.	National Small Industries Corpn.	Regional Office
10.	National Fertiliser Corpn. Ltd.	Headquarters
11.	Fertiliser Corpn. of India.	-do-
12.	Hindustan Fertiliser Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
13.	Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd	-do-
14.	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	-do-
15.	Indo-Burma Petroleum Co. Ltd. (Chem.Div.)	-do-
16.	National Hydro-Electric Power Corpn.	-do-
17.	National Textiles Corporation (Delhi Punjab & Rajasthan). Ltd.	Regional unit
18.	Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	Headquarters
19.	State Trading Corpn. India Ltd.	-do-
20.	National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
21.	Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
22.	National Project Construction Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
23.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	-do-
24.	Cement Corporation of India.	-do-